

Part 2 – Contract Procedure Rules

1. Introduction and Definitions – Purpose of the Contract Procedure Rules

- 1.1 Purchasing decisions and processes are important because the money involved is public money. The purpose of these Contract Procedure Rules is to provide a structure within which purchasing decisions are made and implemented and which ensure that the Council:
- (a) Furthers its corporate objectives
 - (b) Uses its resources efficiently
 - (c) Purchases quality goods, services and works, consistent with the priorities of the Council and which provide value for money
 - (d) Safeguards its reputation from any implication of dishonesty or corruption.
- 1.2 Purchasing by the Council, from planning to delivery, shall incorporate (where appropriate) principles of sustainability, efficiency, whole life costings and cost savings.
- 1.3 These Contract Procedure Rules are made in accordance with the requirements of section 135 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- 1.4 These Contract Procedure Rules do not provide guidelines on what is the best way to purchase works, supplies (goods) and services. They set out minimum requirements to be followed. Further information and guidelines are set out in the Council's Procurement Guide.
- 1.5 In these Contract Procedure Rules the following words and phrases have the following meaning:
- (a) EU Rules – means the Public Contracts Regulations 2015
 - (b) EU Threshold – means the financial threshold above which the EU Rules apply, as set out in Rule 7.4 below
 - (c) Finance Procedure Rules – means the Finance Procedure Rules set out in the Council's Constitution as updated from time to time
 - (d) OJEU – means the Official Journal of the European Union
 - (e) LTR Services (Light Touch Regime services) - means services as defined under Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 being services to which the Light Touch Regime applies
 - (f) Procurement Guide – means the Council's Procurement Guide as updated by the Procurement Services Manager from time to time
 - (g) Responsible Officer - means an officer with responsibility for conducting purchasing processes for the purchase of works, supplies (goods) or services on behalf of the Council

- (h) Scheme of Delegation - means the Scheme of Delegation set out in the Council's Constitution as updated from time to time.

2. General Principles – Application and Compliance with Contract Procedure Rules

- 2.1 These Contract Procedure Rules apply to the purchase by or on behalf of the Council of works, supplies (goods) and services.
- 2.2 These Contract Procedure Rules apply to all contracts including all purchase orders, concessions and contractual arrangements entered into by or on behalf of the Council, except for the specific types of contracts and purchasing methods which are listed in Rule 2.3.
- 2.3 These Contract Procedure Rules do not apply to:
 - (a) Employment contracts
 - (b) Contracts relating solely to interests in land
 - (c) Contracts for retention of legal counsel, legal services or the appointment of expert witnesses in legal proceedings
 - (d) Service level agreements setting out the conditions which the Council applies to its funding of particular voluntary sector bodies.

3. General Principles Applying to All Contracts

- 3.1 All purchases however small shall be made or evidenced in writing.
- 3.2 Standard contract clauses shall be used in all contracts of a value of £10,000 or more. The standard contract clauses are issued by Legal Services and can be found on the intranet.
- 3.3 As a minimum, all contracts of a value of £10,000 or more shall include clauses which set out:
 - (a) The works, supplies (goods), services, material, matters or things to be carried out or supplied
 - (b) The time within which the contract is to be performed
 - (c) Quality requirements and/or standards which must be met
 - (d) Requirements on the contractor to hold and maintain appropriate insurance
 - (e) What happens in the event that the contractor fails to comply with its contractual obligations (in whole or in part)
 - (f) Requirements on the contractor to comply with all relevant equalities and health and safety legislation
- 3.4 That the Council shall be entitled to terminate the contract and recover its losses in the event that the contractor, its employees or anyone acting on its behalf does anything

improper to seek to influence the Council to give the contract to any person, or as to the circumstances in which a contract may be given, or any contract or commits an offence under the Bribery Act 2010 or section 117(2) Local Government Act 1972, or commits any fraud in connection with any Council contract. All contracts shall include relevant specifications and/or briefs/technical requirements which are prepared taking into account the need for effectiveness of delivery, quality, sustainability and efficiency (as appropriate) and the information set out in the Council's Procurement Guide.

3.5 All contracts of a value of £10,000 or more or which involve a substantial risk to the Council must be subject to a written risk assessment, which should be kept on the contract file.

4. Regulatory Context

4.1 All purchasing shall be conducted in accordance with Regulatory Provisions which are:

- (a) All relevant statutory provisions
- (b) The relevant EU Rules and EC Treaty Principles, which are defined in the Council's Procurement Guide
- (c) The Council's Constitution including these Contract Procedure Rules, the Council's Finance Procedure Rules and Scheme of Delegation
- (d) The Council's Procurement Guide and other policies and procedures of the Council as appropriate.

4.2 In the event of conflict between the above, the EU Rules will take precedence, followed by UK legislation, then the Council's Constitution, the Council's Procurement Guide and guidelines, policies and procedures.

5. Responsibilities of Directors, Assistant Directors and Responsible Officers

5.1 Each Director shall:

- (a) be responsible for the purchasing undertaken by his/her Directorate
- (b) be accountable to the Cabinet for the performance of his/her duties in relation to purchasing
- (c) comply with the Council's decision making processes including, where appropriate, implementing and operating a Scheme of Delegation
- (d) appoint in writing an Assistant Director who shall be an authorised signatory in respect of commissioning related to that Service, subject to Rule 8 below, and who will be responsible for ensuring the correct carrying out of purchasing duties (Rule 5.3 below) of Responsible Officers within that Service
- (e) take immediate action in the event of breach of these Contract Procedure Rules, by reporting this breach to the Corporate Director of Finance,

Governance and Property who will review the breach and if it is serious will report this to the Standards and Audit Committee

5.2 A Responsible Officer is an Officer with responsibility for conducting purchasing processes for the purchase of works, supplies (goods) or services on behalf of the Council.

5.3 A Responsible Officer's duties in respect of purchasing are to ensure:

- (a) compliance with all Regulatory Provisions and integrity of the tender process
- (b) compliance with the relevant statutory provisions and the Council's requirements relating to declarations of interest (including gifts and hospitality) affecting any purchasing process
- (c) that there is an appropriate analysis of the requirement, timescales, procedure and documentation to be used
- (d) that the purchasing process, from planning to delivery incorporates (where appropriate) principles of sustainability, efficiency, whole life costings and cost savings
- (e) compliance with the Council's decision making processes
- (f) that all contracts of a value of £10,000 or more are included on the Council's Contract Register which is maintained by Procurement Services
- (g) that that proper records of all contract award procedure, waivers/exemptions and extensions are maintained, with separate files for each purchase of a value of £10,000 or more
- (h) that value for money is achieved
- (i) that advice is sought from the Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property as to whether adequate and appropriate security (such as a bond or guarantee), is to be taken to protect the Council in the event of non-performance, and in the case of tenders, such security to be required as part of the tender process
- (j) that appropriate advice is sought and followed from Legal Services, Finance and Procurement Services
- (k) that the Council's Document Retention Policy is complied with
- (l) that for tenders above £75,000 a financial evaluation is or has been made of the financial standing of tenderers as advised by the Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property
- (m) that all reports seeking Cabinet approval to award a contract shall include a statement from the Responsible Officer that in their opinion, the tender process has been fair and transparent and in compliance with the relevant EU Rules, and these Contract Procedure Rules, or alternatively shall include a statement from the Responsible Officer which clearly sets out any anomalies that have occurred. In respect of contracts for which Cabinet approval is not required (for

example, contracts under £750,000) the Responsible Officer will ensure that a similar statement is included on the relevant file

- 5.4 In considering how best to procure works, supplies and services Directors, Assistant Directors and/or Responsible Officers (as appropriate in the context), shall take into account wider contractual delivery opportunities and purchasing methods including the use of Purchasing Schemes and eprocurement / purchasing methods, and the availability of local authority charging and trading powers under the Local Government Act 2003.
- 5.5 It is a disciplinary offence to fail to comply with these Contract Procedure Rules and the Council's Procurement Guide. All employees have a duty to report breaches of Contract Procedure Rules to their Director.
- 5.6 Any Officer or Member who suspects any misconduct or corruption in relation to the purchase by or on behalf of the Council of works, supplies (goods) and services must immediately report that suspicion to the relevant Director.

6. Scheme of Delegation

- 6.1 Council purchasing may only be undertaken by Officers with the appropriate delegated authority to carry out such tasks as set out in the Council's Scheme of Delegation. Officers with delegated authority may only delegate to other Officers if expressly allowed to do so in the Scheme of Delegation. If allowed then the delegation should only be to Officers who have the appropriate skills and knowledge for the task and such delegation shall be recorded in writing by the Officer delegating the task and notified to the relevant Director.
- 6.2 Officers shall, where appropriate, be informed by their Director of the extent of any delegated authority and the financial thresholds set out in the Finance Procedure Rules and Contract Procedure Rules and Scheme of Delegation will apply.

7. Financial Thresholds and Procedures

- 7.1 The table below sets out the general Rules applying to the choice of purchasing procedure for contracts at the stated threshold values.
- 7.2 There is a general presumption in favour of competition. Wherever possible, contract opportunities should be advertised by way of a public notice. The Council must consider the potential effect of a contract on interstate trade (at a European level). If a contract may be of interest to contractors from other Member states then this may result in a need to advertise in a manner which ensures that potential contractors from other Member states are aware of the opportunity, even for small value contracts or contracts under the EU Threshold levels outlined below.
- 7.3 The public notice referred to at Rule 7.2 may take the form of a notice or advertisement in an electronic or paper format, on an easily accessible website or other electronic media and/or in the press, trade journals or Official Journal of the European Union ("OJEU") (the latter being required where the EU Threshold applies). The Responsible Officer may choose to place one or more public notices in different media.
- 7.4 Table setting out financial thresholds and procedures

Total value	Type of contract	Procedure to be used
Under £10,000	supplies and services	At least one written quote in advance
£10,000 to £74,999	supplies and services	At least three written quotes in advance (making use of available national and local frameworks as advised by Procurement Services)
£75,000 to £164,176**	supplies and services	At least two written tenders in advance, following advertisement by public notice, in accordance with advice from Procurement Services, Legal Services and Finance
£164,176** plus	supplies and services	<p>EU Rules apply – full competitive process following advertisement in the OJEU for supplies and non LTR services*.</p> <p>For contracts relating to LTR services above the 750,000 (Euro) threshold, certain mandatory requirements will apply under the EU Rules. For contracts falling below 750,000 (Euro) there is a presumption in favour of advertising and a competitive process</p> <p>Either of the above are to be carried out in accordance with advice from Procurement Services, Legal Services and Finance</p>

* For the purposes of the EU Rules LTR services are defined separately and the EU Rules apply to a different degree

** EU Threshold for supplies and services or relevant threshold in force at the time under the EU Rules

Total value	Type of contract	Procedure to be used
Under £10,000	works	At least one written quote in advance
£10,000 to £499,999	works	At least three written quotes in advance (making use of available national and local frameworks as advised by Procurement Services)

Total value	Type of contract	Procedure to be used
£500,000 to £4,104,394**	works	Full competitive process with tenders following advertisement by public notice works , and in accordance with advice from Procurement Services, Legal Services and Finance
Over £4,104,394**	works	EU Rules apply – full competitive process with tenders following OJEU advertisement, and in accordance with advice from Procurement Services, Legal Services and Finance
** EU Threshold for works or relevant threshold in force at the time under the EU Rules		

Responsible Officers should act cautiously and seek advice when considering the procedure to be used and application of the EU Rules to services contracts.

The relevant Chief Officer/Director shall define the level of advice and service which Responsible Officers will be required to seek from the Procurement Service or other third party, having reference to specified financial thresholds, and will publish this in a scheme which he or she will update from time to time.

7.5 Where contracts are of a type and value which means that they are subject to the EU Rules then there are five main types of EU procedures available. These are the open, restricted, competitive dialogue and negotiated procedures. Care must be taken to ensure that the correct and most appropriate procedure is used and assistance on the choice and use of EU procedure must be sought in the first instance from Procurement Services and if required from Legal Services

7.6 For contracts of £25,000 and above there are requirements to publish notices on Contracts Finder. Officers will ensure advice is obtained from Procurement Services.

8. Financial Thresholds and Processes for Approval and Execution of Contracts

8.1 Subject to the Finance Procedure Rules and provisions within the Council's Constitution regarding key decisions, Officers must obtain approval to proceed to tender, approval to award a contract, and approval in respect of any waivers or extension, in writing from:

- (a) Cabinet or a Cabinet Member having the delegated power (referred to below as the Delegated Cabinet Member) to do so, for contracts above a value of £750,000.
- (b) a Director acting in conjunction with the Cabinet Member who holds the relevant portfolio, up to a contract value of £750,000, the power to be exercised personally by the Director and Cabinet Member and not his/her delegate where the value exceeds £350,000

- (c) a Director up to a contract value of £500,000 the power to be exercised personally by the Director and not his/her delegate where the value exceeds £350,000
- (d) An Assistant Director up to a value of £350,000 the power to be exercised personally by the Assistant Director and not his/her delegate
- (e) a Director or Assistant Director where:
 - (i) the Delegated Cabinet Member has been consulted by means of a written report; and
 - (ii) the written report sets down the nature of the contract, the tenders received and a recommendation as to the course of action proposed; and
 - (iii) the Delegated Cabinet Member has signified in writing his/her approval to the course of action proposed

8.2 All applications for approvals to proceed to tender must be:

- (a) Fully documented
- (b) Append a commissioning report (a "Stage 1" report) in an approved format to be submitted in advance to either the Cabinet, Cabinet Member or to the relevant Director or Assistant Director in accordance with Rule 8.1 above and which shall set out the following:
 - (i) an appropriate and proportionate business case setting out the commissioning need and costings
 - (ii) a draft specification detailing the quality required that is proportionate to the priorities of the Council
 - (iii) appropriate project management arrangements including user and stakeholder involvement and communication plans, risk assessments, an approved form of risk register, contingency plans (including requirements under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004) and proposed project management record keeping procedures (including compliance with the Council's Document Retention Policy) during the term of the proposed procurement
 - (iv) appropriate contract management arrangements including user and stakeholder involvement and communication plans, risk assessments, an approved form of risk register, contingency plans (including requirements under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004), arrangements for post-contract evaluation, and proposed contract management record keeping procedures (including compliance with the Council's Document Retention Policy) during the term of the proposed contract

- (v) confirmation from Legal Services, Procurement Services and Finance that they have been consulted and agree with the commissioning report in so far as it relates to those respective fields
 - (vi) confirmation that the requirements of Rule 5 above has been or will be met
 - (c) In addition to the above, where the application is for the approval to seek a tender from a single source, or to obtain a single tender from the one tenderer only, the application must also include written authorisation from the Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property , provided that such authorisation is compliant with the requirements of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, and which will set out one of the following grounds for the authorisation:
 - (i) it is known (not assumed) that only one supplier can meet the requirement
 - (ii) Continuity of knowledge or synergy with previous work is an overriding consideration;
 - (iii) The Council has received an unsolicited proposal that contains ideas or concepts in respect of which the intellectual property is owned exclusively by the proposed single tenderer, that the Council wishes to use because it meets immediate needs
 - (d) In addition to the above, in cases where an officer preparing a Cabinet Report seeking approval to proceed to tender also makes a recommendation that Cabinet delegated the authority to make the subsequent decision to award a contract, the rationale for this should be made clear to Cabinet to allow them to make an informed decision to so delegate. Officers should word any request for a delegation of authority such that Cabinet members are "asked to consider" whether the delegation should be given, so that Cabinet may actively decide whether or not to grant it having regard to the rationale provided.
- 8.3 When a decision is made to award a contract then the Responsible Officer must, in addition to complying with his/her general obligations under these Contract Procedure Rules ensure, in particular, that:
- (a) the appropriate approvals, including approval to proceed to tender and approval to award the contract, have been obtained to authorise that decision; and
 - (b) where appropriate, a standstill period complying with the EU Rules is incorporated into the final award process
- 8.4 Any contracts valued at £150,000 or above shall be executed as a deed. All other contracts may be signed by Officers with appropriate delegated authority.
- 8.5 Electronic signatures may be used in accordance with the Electronic Signature Regulations 2002 provided the sufficiency of security arrangements has been approved by the appropriate Director or his delegate.

- 8.6 In the case of major projects and complex procurements (e.g., involving the procurement of frameworks or use of the competitive dialogue, innovation partnership or the competitive procedure with negotiation) the relevant Director and Assistant Director should follow advice from Procurement Services, Legal Services and Finance as to whether:
- (a) a project specific scheme of delegation should be sought and approved by Cabinet (for example, delegating powers of approval to a Delegated Cabinet Member) at the beginning of the commissioning process in order to ensure timely approvals at key stages of the procurement process
 - (b) a proportionate gateway review process (as described in the Procurement Guide) should be utilised
- 8.7 In conjunction with Finance Procedure Rules, in the case of a civil emergency brought about by events unforeseeable by, and not attributable to the Council, and requiring an immediate response in order to protect the Council or its residents, the relevant Director may, upon receiving the consent of the Chief Executive and upon notifying the Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property, where it is strictly necessary:
- (a) authorise the entry into contracts above £750,000 on an immediate basis, receiving if possible one written quote in advance from the proposed contractor, with a full report (following where relevant the format set out in Rule 8.2 above) to be submitted by the Director or the relevant Assistant Director to Cabinet at either the next available Cabinet meeting or the Cabinet meeting following, and
 - (b) authorise the entry into contracts up to £750,000 on an immediate basis, receiving if possible one written quote in advance from the proposed contractor, with a full report (following where relevant the format set out in Rule 8.2 above) to be submitted by the relevant Assistant Director or Responsible Officer to the Director as soon as practicable.

9. Calculating the Contract Value

- 9.1 The starting point for calculating the contract value for the purposes of these Contract Procedure Rules is that the contract value shall be the genuine pre-estimate of the value of the entire contract excluding Value Added Tax. This includes all payments to be made, or potentially to be made, under the entirety of the contract and for the whole of the predicted contract period (including proposed extensions and options).
- 9.2 There shall be no artificial splitting of a contract to avoid the application of the provisions of the EU Rules and/or these Contract Procedure Rules.
- 9.3 The EU Rules cover contracts which, individually, are below the stated EU threshold but which constitute repeat purchases and/or purchases of a similar type in a specified period. Responsible Officers should therefore seek advice on the application of the EU Rules where they envisage that they may require repeat purchases and/or purchases of a similar type.

10. Principles Underlying Tendering Processes and Tender Evaluation

- 10.1 All tendering procedures (including obtaining quotes), from planning to contract award and signature, shall be undertaken in a manner so as to ensure that the following is secured:

- (a) Sufficient time is given to plan and run the process
- (b) Equal opportunity and equal treatment
- (c) Openness and transparency
- (d) Probity
- (e) Outcomes which deliver sustainability, efficiency and cost savings (where appropriate).

11. Submission and Opening of tenders

- 11.1 An Invitation to Tender shall be issued by the Council for all service or supply contracts over £75,000 or works contracts over £500,000 and tenders shall be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Invitation to Tender.
- 11.2 Any tenders received (other than those received electronically, to which Rule 11.3 shall apply) shall be:
- (a) addressed to the Procurement Manager
 - (b) in a sealed envelope marked "Tender" followed by the subject matter to which it relates
 - (c) kept in a safe place by Procurement Services
 - (d) retained unopened until the date and time specified for its opening
- 11.3 Where the Council has indicated in the Invitation to Tender that a tender can or must be submitted electronically, then those tenders shall be:
- (a) addressed to the e-mail address as notified in the Invitation to Tender
 - (b) in the format specified in the Invitation to Tender
 - (c) stored in a secure mailbox controlled by Procurement Services, which requires a code or other appropriate security measure, to open it
 - (d) retained unopened until the date and time specified for its opening
- 11.4 No tender received after the time and date specified for its opening shall be accepted or considered by the Council unless the relevant Director in consultation with the Procurement Manager is satisfied that there is sufficient evidence of the tender having been dispatched in time for it to have arrived before the closing date and time, or other exceptional circumstances apply, and the other tenders have not been opened.
- 11.5 Tenders shall be opened by the relevant Director or nominee working in conjunction with Procurement Services and an immediate record shall be made of tenders received including names and addresses and the date and time of opening.
- 11.6 If it is necessary that the period of time for submitting tenders be extended, this should be communicated to all tenderers in writing in a fair and equal manner

12. Evaluation of Quotes and Tenders

- 12.1 All quotes and tenders shall be evaluated in accordance with evaluation criteria notified in advance to those submitting quotes/tenderers.
- 12.2 Tenders subject to the EU Rules shall be evaluated in accordance with the EU Rules.
- 12.3 Save in exceptional circumstances approved in advance by the relevant Director all contracts shall be awarded on the basis of the quote or tender which represents best value for money or where the contract value exceeds the European threshold on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender to the Council and not on the basis of lowest price.
- 12.4 Tenders received in an incomplete form must be evaluated in accordance with the Invitation to Tender documents as set out in the Procurement Guide

13. Waivers

- 13.1 The requirement for the Council to conduct a competitive purchasing process for contracts in excess of £10,000 may be waived in the following circumstances:
 - (a) For contracts which are not subject to the EU Rules, the work, supply or service is required as a matter of urgency and a delay would be likely to lead to financial loss, personal injury or damage to property; or
 - (b) the circumstances set out in EU Regulation 14 apply (whether or not the contract is of a type which is subject to the application of the EU Rules); or
 - (c) the contract is awarded under a Purchasing Scheme of a type where a competition has already been undertaken on behalf of the Council; or
 - (d) subject to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 at the discretion of the relevant Director who may proceed in a manner most expedient to the efficient management of the service/Council with reasons recorded in writing
- 13.2 A Responsible Officer who seeks a waiver of Contract Procedure Rules, shall do so only in advance and only in exceptional circumstances. Further guidance on what may constitute exceptional circumstances permitting waiver of these Contract Procedure Rules is set out in the Council's Procurement Guide.
- 13.3 All waivers from these Contract Procedure Rules must be:
 - (a) Fully documented
 - (b) Subject to a written report in an approved format to be submitted in advance in accordance with Rule 8.1 (Approval) to Cabinet, Cabinet Member or to the relevant Director or Assistant Director. The report shall include reasons for the waiver which demonstrate that the waiver is genuinely required
 - (c) Subject to written approval in advance (in the approved format) in accordance with Rule 8.1 (Approval) by Cabinet, the Cabinet Member or the relevant Director, Assistant Director, Section 151 Officer or Procurement Manager who

shall record that they have considered the reasons for the waiver and that they are satisfied that the circumstances justifying the waiver are genuinely exceptional.

- (d) where the waiver is being sought in order to seek a tender from a single source, or to obtain a single tender from the one tenderer only, the application for approval will be brought in accordance with Rule 8.2 above

13.4 Notice of award of all contracts with a value of £25,000 or above must be published on Contract Finder

13.5 All decisions on waivers must take into account:

- (a) Probity
- (b) Best value/value for money principles.

13.6 For contracts subject to the EU Rules, any waiver from the requirement for competition must meet the conditions set out in the EU Rules in addition to the general requirements above.

13.7 A waiver shall not be applied for reasons of poor contract planning.

14. Extensions to Existing Contracts

14.1 Where extensions to existing contracts are made, the extensions must be determined in accordance with the contract terms, for a specified period and made in accordance with the principles set out in the Council's Procurement Guide.

14.2 Any extension must be:

- (a) Fully documented
- (b) Subject to a written report in an approved format to be submitted in accordance with Rule 8.1 (Approval) to Cabinet, the Cabinet Member or the relevant Director or Assistant Director. The report shall include reasons for the extension which demonstrate that the need for the extension is genuinely exceptional
- (c) Subject to written approval in advance (in the approved format) in accordance with Rule 8.1 (Approval) to Cabinet, the Cabinet Member or by the relevant Director or Assistant Director, who shall record that they have considered the reasons for the extension and that they are satisfied that the circumstances justifying the extension are genuinely exceptional.

14.3 Any extension must take into account:

- (a) Probity
- (b) Best value/value for money principles.

14.4 For contracts subject to EU Rules, any extension must meet the conditions set out in Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 in addition to the more general requirements set out above.

15. Purchasing Schemes (including Framework Agreements)

- 15.1 A Responsible Officer may use Purchasing Schemes subject to the following conditions and the Council's Procurement Guide.
- 15.2 Responsible Officers must check in advance that
- (a) The Council is legally entitled to use the Purchasing Scheme
 - (b) The purchases to be made do properly fall within the coverage of the Purchasing Scheme
 - (c) The establishment and operation of each Purchasing Scheme is in compliance with the EU Rules (where they apply) and meets the Council's own requirements.

16. Review and Changes to these Contract Procedure Rules

17. These Contract Procedure Rules shall be reviewed and updated on a regular basis. Save in the case of revisions to the EU Thresholds in Rule 7, amended Contract Procedure Rules shall be agreed and adopted by the Council by resolution following the consideration of a Cabinet Report brought by the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance, Governance and Property, Assistant Director of Law and Governance and Procurement Manager. Revisions to the EU Thresholds shall be dealt with in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation.